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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: ELIFAS TO SEEK INDEPENDENCE FOR OWAMBO

1. IN INTERVIEW WITH EMBASSY POLOFFICER AND UK EMBOFF  
MARCH 11 IN ONDONGWA, CHIEF MINISTER FILEMON ELIFAS AND HIS  
CABINET MADE CLEAR THEY INTEND TO SEEK INDEPENDENCE FOR  
OWAMBO. ELIFAS EMPHASIZED THAT HE BELIEVED THE IDEAL WOULD  
BE TO INCLUDE ANGOLAN TERRITORY INHABITED BY OVAMBOS IN  
PROPOSED INDEPENDENT STATE. HE WOULD NOT COMMENT ON WHETHER  
ANGOLAN AUTHORITIES OR ANGOLAN OVAMBOS CURRENTLY ARE BEING  
CONSULTED ON THIS MATTER.

2. ELIFAS SAID THAT IN TALKS HE PLANS TO HAVE WITH SOUTH  
ARICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN MAY, HE WILL RAISE QUESTION  
OF INCREASED LEGISLATIVE POWERS FOR OWAMBO LEGISLATIVE  
COUNCIL, WITH EYE TO EVENTUAL INDEPENDENCE. INDEPENDENCE  
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FOR OWAMBO IS ALSO BASIC POSITION HE AND HIS CABINET

INTEND TO TAKE IN PROPOSED MULTIRACIAL TALKS IN NAMIBIA.

3. WHEN QUESTIONED FURTHER ON ACTUAL FORM OF INDEPENDENCE HE ENVISIONED, ELIFAS SAID HE REALIZED OWAMBO COULD NOT BE ECONOMICALLY INDEPENDENT FROM THE REST OF THE TERRITORY, BUT HE WAS FIRM THAT UT MUST BE POLITICALLY INDEPENDENT. MIMGSTER OF EDUCATION CORNELIUS NDJOBA, WHO APPARENTLY IS ELIFAS'S CHIEF ADVISOR IN CABINET, AGGEED THAT POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE IS INDISPENSIBLE. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT PERHAPS SOME ARRANGEMENT ALONG LINES OF EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET OR LOOSE ASSOCIATION DEALING EXCLUSIVELY WITH ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS COULD BE FORMED WITH OTHER PARTS OF NAMIBIA.

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